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SUMMIT ON NOVEMBER 15, 2009 IN SINGAPORE

The Thai MFA passed a dipnote to the Embassy informing the USG that Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva has invited President Barack Obama to attend the ASEAN-US Summit on November 15, 2009 in Singapore.

Begin text:

Honorable President:

On behalf of my ASEAN colleagues, I have the honor to extend a warm invitation to you to attend the ASEAN-US Summit on 15 November 2009 in Singapore.

I am pleased to note that ASEAN-US dialogue Relations have flourished and gained much momentum over the past three decades. We have achieved significant progress with the adoption of the ASEAN-US Enhanced Partnership in 2005 and its Plan of Action in 2006.

I strongly believe that the ASEAN-US Summit next month will provide a timely opportunity for Leaders to have free flow discussions and candid exchanges of views which will pave the way for further cooperation between ASEAN and the United States in years to come, as well as to commemorate the cordial relations that span over three decades.

Accept, Honorable President, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/S/ Abhisit Vejjajiva
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.

End text.

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